

Multiple Meaning Words

Read the definitions for each word in **colour**. Then write the number of the correct definition that describes how the word is used in each sentence.

a) **bear**

1. to carry
2. to hold up or support
3. to put up with; endure
4. to produce by growth

_____ I can't **bear** this screeching sound any longer.

_____ He is **bearing** a tray of dishes.

_____ This tree **bears** lots of pears.

_____ I wonder if this ladder is strong enough to **bear** my weight?

b) **leave**

1. to go away from or depart
2. to let remain
3. to let stay without bothering or changing
4. to let stay for action or for later decision

_____ Let's **leave** that decision for tomorrow.

_____ The bus **leaves** in two minutes.

_____ She **leaves** him alone to finish his homework.

_____ Let's **leave** the book at home.

c) **before**

1. at an earlier time; in the past
2. in front of; ahead of
3. in the presence of; within view of
4. rather than

_____ We looked at the beautiful painting **before** us.

_____ I know you would go hungry **before** eating spinach and broccoli.

_____ The choir members performed **before** their friends and families.

_____ I have read this book **before**.

d) **light**

1. the form of energy that makes it possible for the eye to see
2. something that gives off light, or the brightness produced by it
3. something that makes clear or gives understanding
4. pale in colour

_____ It's **light** outside during the day.

_____ The walls in this room are painted **light** yellow.

_____ Turn off your **light** before you go to sleep, please.

_____ Our teacher cast **light** on the subject of the frog life cycle.